



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yukuo KATAYAMA

Group Art Unit: 1797

Application No.: 10/564,988

Examiner: M. PO

Filed: January 18, 2006

Docket No.: 126599

For: METHOD FOR DEWATERING WATER-CONTAINING COAL

**APPLICANT'S SEPARATE RECORD OF INTERVIEW**

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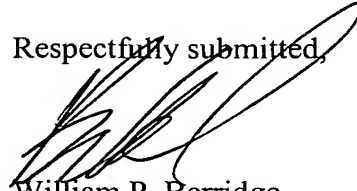
Sir:

On June 15, 2009, Applicant's representative conducted a telephonic interview with Examiner Po regarding the above-identified application. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is provided in the following remarks.

During the interview the remarks set forth in the Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection filed June 11 were discussed. Applicant's representative also pointed out that the inventors devised a special device that successfully exerts a shearing force of 0.01 to 20 Mpa on water containing coal. See disclosed in the specification at page 8. Additionally, Applicant's representative pointed out that the 100 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> load of Kamei (discussed in the Office Action at page 3) is applied to piston 35 of the testing system illustrated in Figure 7, which is not a screw extruder. See Kamei, col. 10, lines 5-7. The differences between a shearing force and pressure or a compression force, as disclosed in Kamei, were also discussed.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set below.

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